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MVSH BOARD TO SEEK PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR SUNDRÉ SENIORS' HOUSING PROJECT

A special meeting of the MVSH Board was held April 30, 2012 to formally consider a request from the Sundre Seniors' Community Housing and Care Committee, which was seeking a response from the MVSH Board to identified needs for seniors' housing and care in the Sundre area.

This meeting concluded with a motion to move forward with preliminary planning work to further develop a seniors' housing and care project concept in response to this request. The motion passed and was unanimously supported by the MVSH Board. The approved planning work will prepare the MVSH Board for a potential provincial funding application for the Sundre project.

Sundre Committee Chair Charlotte McInnes attended the meeting, providing the Board with a copy of a survey which further identified community activities desired by seniors to be part of any future project. Further, a Demand Study commissioned by the MVSH Board was presented by IBI Group. The Study showed unequivocally that demand for all forms of housing and care options exists in the Sundre community.

Also attending this meeting were potential partners for this project, lending invaluable support and experience to the discussion and enabling the MVSH Board to have a solid understanding as a basis for the discussions related to any potential project that may develop.

Once the Sundre project concept is ready, and the MVSH Board has successfully obtained provincial funding, a completed project could take up to 4 years for planning and construction. To this point, the MVSH Board is proceeding with careful due diligence to make sure any future projects are based on solid demand and verifiable need, and any potential project has solid Community involvement and support.

All Municipal stakeholders are being kept apprised of any potential project developments. A report back from the MVSH Board will be provided to the Sundre Seniors' Committee this Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 1 p.m. in a meeting to be held at the Town of Sundre Council Chambers.

Mountain View Seniors' Housing

Mountain View Seniors' Housing is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the lives of seniors in our community. We operate seniors' lodges, seniors' self-contained apartments and subsidized family housing, striving to provide the highest level of service and support in friendly, home-like environments.

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